

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2337 - SB 2237

February 28, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Makes any violation of the *Tennessee Consumer Protection Act of 1977* an unfair or deceptive act or practice. Violations are punishable through civil penalties, private rights of action and as a Class B misdemeanor. Requires an alleged violator to return within ten days any request for information.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenues – Not Significant
Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

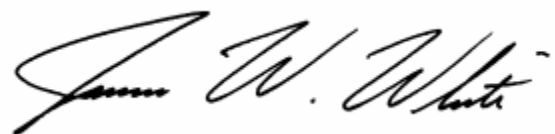
Increase Local Govt. Revenues – Not Significant
Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- An increase in state revenues from the collection of civil penalties.
- An increase in state expenditures to implement and enforce the provisions of this bill.
- There will not be a sufficient number of prosecutions for local governments to experience any significant increase in revenues or expenditures.
- Some increase in cases in the court system, which will result in additional state and local government expenditures for processing the cases and additional state and local government revenues from fees, taxes and costs collected. However, such increases will not be significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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